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DATE:

November 20, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Unilever Recall

## **SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** 

Unclassified Recall; Shedd's Country Crock® chilled side-dish products because

they may contain undeclared sulfites; Recommend notification of affected

stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. To date, the company has received one report of four family members who had adverse reactions associated with this product. The product was distributed in retail stores nationwide. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

## Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Unilever Issues Nationwide Allergy Alert on Undeclared Sulfites in Certain Shedd's Country Crock® Chilled Side-Dish Products

## **Company Contact:**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Englewood Cliffs, NJ - November 20, 2009—Unilever United States, Inc., of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is voluntarily recalling certain **Shedd's Country**Crock® chilled side-dish products because they may contain undeclared sulfites.

People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or lifethreatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

To date, the company has received one report of four family members who had adverse reactions associated with this product. The product was distributed in retail stores nationwide.

The recall was initiated after the company was notified by the co-manufacturer of the product that an ingredient containing sulfites was inadvertently used in the production of the chilled side-dish products. This issue has been addressed and safeguards have been put into place.

## **Product description:**

Shedd's Country Crock® Side Dishes DELUXE Cheddar Broccoli Rice, with Best-By dates of NOV 29 09 through to JAN 16 10. The UPC code is 027400218316.

The product comes in a 21-ounce (1 LB 5 OZ / 595 g) plastic tub inside a paperboard sleeve.

Shedd's Country Crock® Side Dishes DELUXE Four Cheese Pasta, withBest By dates of DEC 05 09 through to JAN 16 10. The UPC code is 027400230875.

The product comes in a 20-ounce (1 LB 4 OZ / 567 g) plastic tub inside a paperboard sleeve.

The UPC code is located on the bottom of the sleeve and the Best-By date is located on the same side of the sleeve and the side of the tub.

In addition to working in cooperation with the FDA, the company is also issuing an alert through the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network.

No other Shedd's Country Crock® chilled side-dish products are affected by this recall.

Consumers who have purchased the Shedd's Country Crock® chilled side-dish products are urged to discard them immediately and contact the company at 1-800-457-7086 for a full refund. The Consumer Services Center is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM ET. A recorded message is available 24/7.